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Guilty plea entered in illegal disposal case in Ventress

BATON ROUGE – A New Roads man pled guilty on January 14 to the illegal disposal of a hazardous substance in June of 2006.

Victor Mougeot, 70, pled guilty to illegally burning a hazardous substance on a debris pile in an open pit at his former residence in Ventress.

Investigators with the DEQ-Criminal Investigation Division (DEQ-CID) and DEQ's Surveillance Division responded to a complaint which led to the guilty plea. Through the investigation, it was revealed that Mougeot was responsible.

“The Department continues to put a high priority on illegal dumping and disposal violations. We look forward to working with all district attorneys to aggressively address these recurring issues throughout the state,” said Jeffrey T. Nolan, DEQ Criminal Investigation Division Manager.

As part of his guilty plea, Mougeot received 24 months of probation and was ordered to pay a \$5,000 criminal fine, a \$2,500 fine to DEQ-CID, a \$500 fine to Civil Enforcement, and a \$500 fine to the Southern Environmental Enforcement Network.

Mougeot was prosecuted by Chad Aguiard, Assistant District Attorney for Richard J. Ward Jr., District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District.